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## Tests on Eye-Brain Link Being Made for C.I.A.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—A San Diego hospital has been conducting for two years experiments for the Central Intelligence Agency on how the human brain reacts to what the eye sees, a spokesman for the agency said today.

But the spokesman, Dennis Berend, denied reports that the \$100,000-a-year contract with the Children's Hospital and Health Center was to develop a lie-detector system that electronically probes the brain. "The contract we have is not a lie-detector thing at all," he said. "It's so that we can better understand how the human brain absorbs and processes information how the brain interprets visual materials."

The project involves what are called evoked cortical potentials. Mr. Berend said that it was hoped that the program will benefit C.I.A. analysts in interpreting photographs "and other visual information they have to work with." The hospital is considered a pioneer in work on visually evoked responses.